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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1) points out:

"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors.

(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors."

For (title):

A TOOL AND A METHOD FOR MAKING A TOOL

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1. Type of Application

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(check one applicable item below) Original (nonprovisional) [X][] Design Plant [] Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. **WARNING:** 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application. Do not use this transmittal for the filing of a provisional application. **WARNING:** If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION. Divisional. [] Continuation. Continuation-in-part (C-I-P). []

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)

NOTE: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. Each prior application must also be:

- (i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
- (ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(l) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(f).

37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNI	NG: If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 12
	or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that
	the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2) does not take into
	account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119,
	365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is
	supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier
	filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60
	Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

WARNING: When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).

[] The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION (S) CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application
 - _11_ Pages of Specification
 - _5_ Pages of Claims
 - _3_ Sheets of Drawing

WARNING: DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed then-new 37 C.F.R. 1.84, see Notice of March 9, 1988. (1990 O.G. 57-62).

NOTE: "Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top of the page. . . "37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c)).

(complete the following, if applicable)

[]	The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b).
[X] []	Formal Informal
В.	Other Papers Enclosed2_ Pages of declaration and power of attorney1 Page of Abstract

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4.	Additi	onal Paj	pers Enclosed			
	[] Amendment to claims					
		[]	Cancel in this applications claims before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)			
		[]	Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)			
		Informa Form P Citation Declara Submis thereto Author	anary Amendment ation Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98) TO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) ation of Biological Deposit ation of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence. ization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative Comments			
5.	Declar	ation or	Oath (including power of attorney)			
NOTE:	A newly executed declaration is not required in a continuation or divisional application provided the prior nonprovisional application contained a declaration as required, the application being filed is by all or fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, there is no new matter in the application being filed, and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application (showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed) is submitted. The copy must be accompanied by a statement requesting deletion of the names of person(s) who are not inventors of the application being filed. If the declaration in the prior application was filed under § 1.47 then a copy of that declaration must be filed accompanied by a copy of the decision granting § 1.47 status or, if a nonsigning person under § 1.47 has subsequently joined in a prior application, then a copy of the subsequently executed declaration must be filed. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)-(3).					
NOTE:	identify (together	each inven with any e	to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it is directed, story by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation other given name or initial, and the residence, post office address and country of citizenship of each whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a)(1)-(4).			
	[X]	Enclose	ed			
		Execut	ed by			
			(check all applicable boxes)			
		[X] []	inventor(s). legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. § 1.42 or 1.43. joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.			

			[]	This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.
	[]	Not E	nclosed.	
NOTE:	applica continu	tion conta ation or co	ins subject ontinuation	tion in the U.S. of an International Application, or where the completion of the U.S. matter in addition to the International Application, the application may be treated as a ni-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE FOR NEW APPLICATION ENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.
		[]		ation is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. 1.41(c) on behalf of above named inventor(s).
	(The	e declar	ation or e	oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), can be filed subsequently).
			[]	Showing that the filing is authorized. (not required unless called into question. 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(d))
6.	Invent	torship (Stateme	nt
WARNI		If the na	imed inven at the tim	tors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of e the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
The inv	ventorsh	ip for al	l the clai	ms in this application are:
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	[]		t claimed is subn	An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time linvention was made, nitted. submitted.
7.	Langu	age		
NOTE:	translati	ion of the i	non-Englis	igned oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. An English h language application and the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) the application, or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
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		[]		ached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 § 1.52(d).
8.	Assign	ment		

	An assignment of the invention to									
		[]		separate [] "COVER SHEET FOI DMPANYING NEW PATENT AP Iso attached.	•					
NOTE:	E: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment" Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114 O.G. 77-78).									
WARNI				MENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" must otice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.	be filed when a continuation-in-part					
9.	Certif	ied Cop	ру							
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10.	Fee Ca	alculati	on (37 C.F.R. § 1	1.16)						
	A.	[X]	Regular applic	ation						

	CLAIMS AS FILED							
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Numbe	r Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$710.00		
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))		20 =		х	\$ 18.00			
Independent Cl (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	laims	3 =	2	х	\$ 80.00			
Multiple Deper Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+	\$270.00			

	[]	Amendment cancelling extra claim Amendment deleting multiple-dep Fee for extra claims is not being p	pendencies is enclosed.	
NOTE:	If the fee expiration § 1.16(d)	s for extra claims are not paid on filing the nof the time period set for response by the).	hey must be paid or the claims Patent and Trademark Office in	s cancelled by amendment, prior to the n any notice of fee deficiency. 37 C.F.R.
		1	Filing Fee Calculation	\$ <u>710</u>
	В.	[] Design application (\$320.00—37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f))	Filing Fee Calculation	\$
	C.	[] Plant application (\$490.00—37 C.F.R. § 1.16(g))	Filing Fee Calculation	\$
11.	Small I	Entity Statement(s)		
	[X]	Applicant is entitled to small entity	y status.	
WARNI	available including status has (including determina applicatio may rely applicatio in the pri	"Status as a small entity must be specificand desired. Status as a small entity in one applications or patents which are directly is been established. The refiling of an application are accounting a continued prosecution application under a to continued entitlement to small element as to continued entitlement to small element and statement filed in the prior application includes a reference to the statement in the proportion or in the patent and status of a statutory filing fee will be treated as such	e application or patent does now or indirectly dependent upon the cation under § 1.53 as a continuder § 1.53(d)), or the filing of the continuing of the continuing of the continuing of the normal file or in the patent if the normal prior application or in the patent as a small entity is still proper	at affect any other application or patent, the application or patent in which the uation, division, or continuation-in-part of a reissue application requires a new or reissue application. A nonprovisional or application, or a reissue application in provisional application or the reissue atent or includes a copy of the statement of and desired. The payment of the small
		(complete the fo	ollowing, if applicable)	
	[]	Status as a small entity was claimed, filed on claimed for this application under:		from which benefit is being
		35 U.S.C. § [] 119(e), [] 120, [] 121, [] 365(c),		
		and which status as a small entity i	is still proper and desired.	
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NOTE: Any excess of the full fee paid will be refunded if a small entity status is established refund request are filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a full fee. The two-month period is not extendable under § 1.136. 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).

12. Request for International-Type Search (37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d))

(complete, if applicable)

[] Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

13. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Not Enclosed

	[]	No filing fee is to be paid at this time. (This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.)
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[X]	Basic Filing fee	\$ <u>355</u>
[]	Recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION.")	\$
[]	Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.47 and 1.17(i))	\$
[]	For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))	\$
[]	Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))	\$
[]	Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(e))	\$

NOTE:	37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application that is abandoned for failing to complete
	is a second that is abandoned for failing to complete
	the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and this, as well as the changes to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 and 1.78(a)(1)
	indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be paid, or the
	processing and retention fee of § 1.21(1) must be paid, within 1 year from notification under § 53(f).
	processing and retemion fee of § 1.21(t) must be paid, within 1 year from notification under § 53(f).

Total Fees Enclosed

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14. Method of Payment of Fees

[X]	Check in the amount of \$	<u>355</u> .	
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NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b).

15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

WARNING:

If no fees are to be paid on filing, the following items should <u>not</u> be completed.

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges, if extra claim charges are authorized.

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 03-1723.
 - [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 - [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).
- [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

[] 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b), (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

16. Instructions as to Overpayment

NOTE: "... Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

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17. Request Not to Publish

[X] Applicants request that this application not be published, since at this time the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country that requires eighteen month publication.

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